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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Response filed, 6/29/05.

This action is made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pollitt, US# 2003/0069803 A1.

As per claims 1 and 11, Pollitt teaches “determining a plurality of parameters, each representing one of the plurality of stored information contents” (see page 1, paragraphs [0006]-[0007] and page 2, paragraph [0054]) “storing the plurality of parameters” (see page 1, paragraph [0006]) “determining a parameter representing the received information content; comparing the parameter representing the received information content with the plurality of stored parameters” (see page 2, paragraphs [0059]-[0064]) “indicating that the received information content is identical to a stored information content if the corresponding parameters are equal” (see page 2, paragraphs [0062]-[0064]).

As per claim 2, Pollitt teaches "the plurality of information contents include electronic mails" (see page 2, paragraph [0039]).

As per claim 3, Pollitt teaches "the information content is received through a global communication network" (see page 1, paragraph [0002])).

As per claim 4, Pollitt teaches "the Internet" (see page 2, paragraph [0036]).

As per claim 5, Pollitt teaches "each parameter is determined based on an order and a value of each character in the corresponding information content" (see page 2, paragraphs [0058]-[0060]).

As per claim 6-9, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1-5 and are similarly rejected.

As per claim 10, Pollitt teaches "ASCII value" (see page 3, paragraphs [0109]-[0110] whereas Pollitt's values includes ASCII code or text).

As per claims 12-14, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1, and 3-4 and are similarly rejected.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 9/2/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

--As per applicant's arguments regarding "Pollitt fails to teach or suggest 'comparing the parameter representing the received information content with the plurality of store parameters . . . ' ". Examiner maintains that Pollitt's storing of content instances and content details combined with Pollitt's ability to gather content from a

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remote repository teaches applicant's claim language of comparing parameters.

Applicant's claim language implies the comparison of parameters but does not offer an electronic media for the process, therefore Pollitt's processing system which obtains content from a remote store based on a predetermined element, teaches applicant's claim language above.

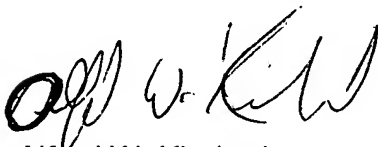
--As per applicant's arguments regarding "Nowhere does Pollitt state or suggest . . . indicating that the received information content is identical to a stored", examiner maintains that Pollitt's comparing element clearly teaches the comparing of stored content, whether that content is identical or not and therefore teaches applicant claim language.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 571-272-4037. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on (571) 272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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